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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: REQUEST OF CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER FOR BILATERAL DURING
OASGA

REFS: (A) SANTIAGO 3690 (B) SANTIAGO 3201

1. I HAVE REPORTED PREVIOUSLY THE STRONG INTEREST EXPRESSED BY CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER HERNAN CUBILLOS IN MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY. CUBILLOS WILL BE ATTENDING THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN WASHINGTON JUNE 21 TO 30 AND HOPES THAT THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE WILL PERMIT A BILATERAL AT THAT TIME. (CUBILLOS' ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT.)

2. I HAVE DEVELOPED A VERY CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH CUBILLOS SINCE HE BECAME FOREIGN MINISTER APRIL 20. MUCH MORE THAN HIS MILITARY PREDECESSORS CUBILLOS UNDERSTANDS THE REASONS FOR THE PRESENT LOW STATE OF US/CHILE RELATIONS. HE IS A MODERATING FORCE WITHIN THE PINOCHET REGIME. BECAUSE HE IS NEW AND BECAUSE HE IS THE FIRST CIVILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SINCE THE MILITARY COUP OF 1973, HE ATTACHES EVEN MORE THAN NORMAL IMPORTANCE TO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A BILATERAL WITH THE SECRETARY. IN SHORT, HIS INFLUENCE WITH THE GENERALS WILL BE ENHANCED.

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3. I URGE THAT A BILATERAL WITH CUBILLOS BE SCHEDULED DURING THE OASGA. IF POSSIBLE I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE CUBILLOS AT LEAST A TENTATIVE POSITIVE RESPONSE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
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